Mango exports

2705. MISS MABEL REBELLO :

SHRI B.J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that mango exports had taken a beating in the international markets on account of fruit flies found in the consignments or for some other reasons; if-so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this issue has since been resolved and has not affected the exports;

(c) whether some authority overseas had certified the consignments before these were air-lifted to foreign lands; and

(d) the foreign markets for fruits with contribution in foreign exchange during the last fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Mango exports have increased in recent years as the table below shows:-

Year	Value of total exports (Rs. crores)
2000-2001	68.61
2001-2002	80.99
2002-2003 (April to January)	77.07

(Source: DGCI&S)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The total value of exports of fruits to foreign markets during 2002-03 was to the tune of Rs. 432 crores.

Automobile exports

2706. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile exports have gone up by 65 per cent in the year 2002-03;